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GROUP 1753

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC PHOTORECEPTOR AND
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS
USING THE PHOTORECEPTOR.

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 8, 2002, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer.

REMARKS

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. 6,136,483, and thus the double patenting rejections at paragraphs 9-11 in the Official Action are overcome.

Withdrawal of these rejections is kindly solicited.

The rejections in paragraphs 3-8 of the Official Action are respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's position is that the observed reductions in black spots and undesired images in the claimed invention are expected given the advantages of the sulfur antioxidant disclosed in JP '250. This position is unsustainable, and the rejections over JP '250 and JP '711 should be withdrawn accordingly.